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Ms. Alisa Greene
U. S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region IX (T-4-1)
215 Fremont Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

       Re. San Fernando Valley Groundwater Contamination
       Reference No. T-4-1

Dear Ms. Greene:

       This letter is in response to Mr. Jerry Clifford's letter to Mr. Alan Belzer, President, Allied-Signal Aerospace, with respect to groundwater contamination that has occurred in the San Fernando Valley. Mr. Clifford requested information regarding the property at 3630 San Fernando Road in Glendale, California at which the Bendix Corporation at one time operated its Automation and Measurement Division. Allied-Signal Inc. is the successor to Bendix Corporation.

       The limited records we have available indicate that Bendix Corporation's Automation and Measurement Division leased approximately 6,000 square feet from November, 1957 to April 30, 1984. Although the lease expired in April of 1984, we believe these premises were actually vacated in December of 1982. Since Allied-Signal sold this business in 1984, we have no remaining employees that are familiar with the operations conducted at this facility. At present we believe it was primarily used as a sales office with some space allocated for repair and service. This was a small facility which we believe employed no more than 10 to 15 employees. We have no reason to believe that its operations would have included the use of chlorinated solvents.

       We are continuing with our investigation and are attempting to locate former employees to obtain a better understanding of the operations conducted at that facility. We request an extension of time until November 11 to attempt to locate those individuals so we may more fully respond to your request.

       If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at (201) 455-5422.

                   Sincerely,

                   Pamela J. Cissik
                   Attorney